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Response to Office Action

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This paper is intended to be fully responsive to the office action mailed on February 13, 2001.

In the office action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement directing the applicant to restrict the claims to a single disclosed species (a single figure), and to make a listing of all claims readable thereon.

Amendment

Please cancel claims 25-37 without prejudice.

Remarks

Applicant elects Figure 2P.

Claims readable on Figure 2P are claims 1-8, 16-18, 21, 23, 38-49, 50-58, 62-69, and 73-79.

Claims 9-15, 19, 20, 22, 24 depend on claim 1 and are believed to be allowable if claim 1 is allowable.